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Re. Point V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to  
novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement

**Prior art:** US-A-4 261 477

This document discloses a fuel tank with at least one  
chamber in the upper region according to the preamble in  
claim 1.

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from this prior art  
in that, in an inclined position, the chamber holds a  
volume of fuel, and is therefore novel.

The problem to be solved can be regarded as the  
prevention of permeation of fuel in a ventilation opening  
in an inclined position.

The fuel tank from claim 1 solves this problem in that,  
in an inclined position, the chamber holds a volume of  
fuel, thus lowering the fuel level, and is therefore  
inventive.

Claims 2 - 7 comprise the features of claim 1 and are  
therefore also novel and inventive.

Industrial application is given as the field of vehicle  
manufacture.